

Remarks

After entry of this amendment, claims 1-26 should be pending. Claims 3, 7 and 9-11 have been amended. New claim 26 has been added.

Applicants appreciate the courtesies extended by Examiner Jones during the telephone interview of October 8, 2004. During the interview, claims 1, 2, 4-6 and 8 were discussed in view of the prior art rejection raised in the Office action. Agreement was reached that claims 1-25 define over the prior art of record, subject to further search and consideration. The substance of the interview is summarized in the following remarks.

I. Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1, 2, 4-6 and 8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,074,771 (Cubukcu) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,086,609 (Buckley). Applicants traverse this rejection and respectfully request that it be withdrawn.

As discussed in the telephone interview of October 8, 2004, claims 1, 2, 4-6 and 8 define over Cubukcu in view of Buckley at least because Cubukcu and Buckley fail to disclose or even suggest a liquid cooling-agent absorbed within at least a portion of an absorbing material, as recited in Applicants' claim 1.

II. Dependent Claims

Claims 2, 4-6 and 8 depend from claim 1 and are allowable for the reasons stated for claim 1. Each of the rejected dependent claims is further allowable in view of the patentable combination of features recited in such dependent claim.

III. Objected-To Claims

Claims 3, 7 and 9-14 were objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim. Claim 1 should be allowed over the applied prior art for the reasons discussed above, but claims 3, 7 and 9-11 have been amended to place these claims in independent form for immediate allowance. Claims 12-14 depend from claim 11 and therefore also should be allowable.

IV. Allowed Claims

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the Office action's designation of claims 15-25 as allowable.

V. New Claim

Applicants have added new claim 26. Support for new claim 26 can be found, for example, in the specification at page 5, lines 24-25.

VI. Conclusion

For the above set out reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now in the application define over the cited prior art, are neither anticipated nor made obvious by the prior art, and should be allowable. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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